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Dengue Presentations Available

The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS), along with partner agencies, and the Guam community, continue efforts to mitigate the spread of the dengue virus on Guam.

To date, there remain **eight** confirmed cases of locally acquired dengue infection and **four** confirmed cases of imported dengue infection. The last locally acquired case of dengue was confirmed on Sept. 27, 2019.

DPHSS continues to receive reports of suspect cases as a result of the department's increased community outreach and timely reporting by Guam healthcare providers. Dengue is spread to people through the bite of an infected mosquito. The community is advised to avoid mosquito bites to help stop the spread of dengue.

Those infected are likely to display symptoms such as fever, aches and pains, and rash. While fatalities are rare, all patients should seek medical attention quickly if they develop the warning signs of severe dengue — severe abdominal pain, persistent vomiting, restlessness, and/or severe fatigue.

Dengue Presentations Provided

As part of an aggressive outreach commitment, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to provide DPHSS with technical assistance on epidemiological surveillance, monitoring, and risk communications.

The community is invited to the following informational briefs on dengue, open to all:

- Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 6 p.m. - B.P. Carbullido Elementary School in Barrigada
- Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 6 p.m. - Merizo Elementary School

More than 800 people have attended informational presentations on Dengue

More than 27 organizations have attended presentations on dengue given by U.S. Centers for Disease and Control and Prevention's Medical Epidemiologist, Dr. W. Thane Hancock. Most of these presentations were arranged by Guam's healthcare providers to update their knowledge on dengue clinical management. Rapid identification and appropriate management of severe dengue can save lives. Dr. Hancock has presented the CDC/WHO Dengue Clinical Case Management to

providers at the Guam Memorial Hospital, Guam Regional Medical City, Guam DOE Nurses, Northern Region Community Health Center, Southern Region Community Health Center, Guam Medical Society, Guam Medical Association, American Medical Center, U.S. Naval Hospital - Guam, and Andersen Air Force Base 36th Medical Group. To date, more than 800 people from various sectors of the community have heard his presentation. Other clinics can request an update on dengue clinical management by contacting DPHSS.

For more information, visit <https://ghs.guam.gov> or contact DPHSS, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at (671) 735-0124. If there is an emergency, dial 911.

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